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Lazne (N51/P27), Doubrava (?), Trznice (?), Luby (formerly Schoenbach - M51/P19), Novy Kostel (N51/P39), Plesna (M51/P29) and Vildstejn (N51/P38). The normal strength of each station is six men and a commander, but this strength is seldom maintained because so many men are sent out for training and political schooling. Furthermore, every two weeks members of the stations take turns at guarding the labor camps. The commander of these SNB troops is SNB Lt. Frantisek Kriz whose deputy is Sub-Lt. Svoboda. The commander of the militia company in the Cheb area is Josef Svoboda. He works closely with the local security officer and is in frequent contact with the county secretary of the Communist Party.

4. As a final aid in protecting the border, the ZPU instructions call for the digging of ditches (possibly tank traps) and the construction of observation towers along the border. Some of these towers have already been built in the Cheb area. Near Liba there are two observation towers, one near the village Rybare, and the other west of the village Eichelberg (M51/P27), about 1 km from the frontier. The nearest tower to Cheb is located at Svaty Kriz (N51/P37). Observers located in these towers communicate at night by means of light signals. Radio telephones have been tried but with little success.

Comment: It is not known whether this report pertains to the Cheb area only or to the entire Czech-Bavarian border.

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